(c) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Government is aware of the press report.

(b) and (c) Special coins known as proof coins/uncirculated coins in the denomination of Rs. 100 have been brought out to commemorate special occasions. These coins are individually struck and are of exceptionally high quality. These are not issued for general circulation. The price of these coins, which are usually bought by coin collections, is also much higher than the face value.

Some time back two persons who were engaged in the manufacture of counterfeit coins of Rs. 100 denomination were arrested in Delhi. It is likely that the Rs. 100 coin referred to in the press report is a counterfeit one.

Pakistani Espionage Activities in Indian Border Areas

94. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has intensfied its espionage activities in India, particularly in the border areas; and

(b) if so, how many spy gangs were busted in the border areas during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid tn the Table of the House.

Tripartite Meeting on GNLF Problem

95. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government called for a tripartite meet to thrash out the GNLF issue;

(b) if so, when was the meeting held and what was its outcome; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the GNLF leaders are constantly changing their stand for holding negotiations and for settlement of the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) A tripartite meeting was held in Delhi on January 25, 1988 which was attended by the Chief Minister, West Bengal, Shri Jyoti Basu, Shri Subash Ghising, President of the GNLF and the Union Home Minister. It was agreed to have further discussions to give final shape to the concept of the Hill Development Council.

Notices issued to Builders for Fire Safety Measures

96. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued notices to 17 builders for enforcement of fire safety measures in Delhi;

(b) if so, how many of them have complied with the rules so far; and

(c) what action has been taken against the builders for violation of the fire safety measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) 21 fresh notices have been given to builders/occupiers.

(b) Only one so far.

(c) 3 months time has been given for the implementation of the fire safety measures.

Drug trafficking in Goa

97. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in The Times of India' of the 19th November, 1987 regarding large scale drug running and trafficking in narcotics flourishing in the coastal villages of Barodder taluka in Goa; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is well aware of the problem of drug trafficking in the country and has taken a number of steps to control this which include promulgation of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985 which provides severe punishment for persons indulging in drug trafficking.

As per information received from Govt. of Goa it is not true that large scale drug trafficking is flourishing unchecked in the coastal villages of Bardez taluka in Goa. Government of Goa has taken a number of steps in this regard. Police have stepped up their drive against drug trafficking. Special Anti Narcotic cell has been set-up. Vigil on the foreigners has been tightened by the Police.

Assistance to powerloom Industry

98. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government provide any assistance to the powerloom industry in the country:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the assistance, financial or otherwise given by his Ministry to the powerloom industry in Uttar Pradesh during the past two years and also the assistance proposed to be given during 1988-89?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) to (c) The formulation and implementation of schemes for the development of the powerlooms in States are being done by the State Government concerned. However NABARD privides refinance both for term loans and working capital to powerloom cooperative societies. IDBI also provides refinance. A scheme for establishment of powerloom service centres is under implementation to provide technical assistance to powerlooms and help in their technological upgradation and product improvement.

During 1987-88, a new powerloom service centre has been opened at Tanda, in addition to the centre already functioning at Maunath Bhanjan. The Uttar Pradesh Coop. Bank, Lucknow, is providing short-term credit to primary cooperative societies for working capital through District Coop. Banks under the NABARD Refinance Scheme.

Lathi Charge on Students of Delhi University protesting against Eve Teasing

99. SHRI SHARAD YADAV:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the recent unprovoked brutal lathi charge on and wrongful detention of about 300 students, including girls, who were protesting against the indifference of the authorities to an incident of eve-teasing and molestation of girl students in a DTC University Special by some students of a college;